

PROJECT ON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Established in January 1995

Project consists of

1 Technical Correlating Committee (TCC)

7 Technical Committees (TC)

each responsible for “product” standards

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TECHNICAL CORRELATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

Responsible for Project management, scopes, documents, **certification**, definitions, and the consistency of performance requirements and test methods for same exposures and hazards.

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The 7 TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

- TC on Electronic Safety Equipment
- TC on Emergency Medical Services Prot Clothing & Equip
- TC on Hazardous Materials Protective Clothing & Equip
- TC on Respiratory Protection Equipment
- TC on Special Operations Protective Clothing & Equipment
- TC on Structural and Proximity Fire Fighting Protective Clothing & Equipment
- TC on Wildland Fire Fighting Protective Cloth & Equipment

EMERGENCY SERVICES PPE STANDARDS

NFPA 1801, Thermal Imagers for the Fire Service

NFPA 1951, Prot Ensembles for Technical Rescue Incidents

NFPA 1971, Prot Ensembles for Structural FF and Proximity FF

NFPA 1975, Station/Work Uniforms

NFPA 1977, Wildland FF Protective Clothing and Equipment

NFPA 1981, Open-Circuit SCBA for Emergency Services

NFPA 1982, PASS

NFPA 1983, Life Safety Rope and Equipment

NFPA 1989, Breathing Air Quality for Emergency Services

NFPA 1991, Vapor Protective Ensembles for Haz Mats

NFPA 1992, Liquid-Splash Protective Ensembles for Haz Mats

NFPA 1994, Protective Ensembles for CBRN Terrorism Incidents

NFPA 1999, Emergency Medical Protective Clothing & Equip

CERTIFICATION

OF

**FIRE AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES PPE**

DO EMERGENCY SERVICES PPE PRODUCTS COMPLY WITH STANDARDS??

- *Standards requiring certification since 1985.*
- NFPA **DOES NOT** EVALUATE, TEST, OR APPROVE ANY PRODUCTS OR SYSTEMS.
- **ALL** NFPA PPE standards for emergency services **require that products be CERTIFIED.**
- Each NFPA PPE “product” standard contains the requirements for certification to that standard in Chapter 4.

CERTIFICATION =

- Cert org: independent 3d party accredited to ISO 65.
- Cert org labs accredited for PPE to ISO 17025.
- Accreditation body operates under ISO 17011.
- Cert org performs inspection, evaluation, and testing to NFPA standard to determine product compliance.
- *Compliant product bears the certification org's name, mark, label, and compliance statement of the specific NFPA product standard.*

CERTIFICATION =

- Product labeled and listed by certification org.
- Mfg quality assurance program in accord with ISO 9001; product always evaluated to NFPA standard.
- Follow-up program at least twice each year.
- Annual verification of product compliance (recertification).
- Cert program also requires mfg investigation of complaints, product hazards, and have programs for safety alerts, product recall.

**THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION
IS YOUR BEST ASSURANCE OF
GETTING PRODUCT THAT IS
ACTUALLY COMPLIANT**

DON'T FALL FOR...

It will be certified soon.

Certification labels are expensive. I'll sell you the same thing without the label and save you lots of money!

It passes all the NFPA tests, I wouldn't lie to you.

It meets the intent of the standard.

This model is every bit as good as the certified ones.

Believe me, I wouldn't sell it to you if it wasn't safe.

*To your question,
“Where is the certification label?”*

DON'T FALL FOR...

This is a display item; we don't put labels on them.

or

**We were in a hurry to get this to you and I guess
we forgot the label.**

or

Don't worry, it's certified, you have my word on it.

Or any other excuse!

ALWAYS THE PURCHASER'S RIGHT

**TO REQUIRE SUBSTANTIATION OF
CERTIFICATION**

**SHOULD BE SPECIFIED IN REQUESTS
FOR BIDS AND PURCHASE
SPECIFICATIONS**

ALWAYS THE MANUFACTURER'S
RESPONSIBILITY

TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIATION OF
CERTIFICATION BY SPECIFIC MODEL,
TYPE, TRADE NAME OF PRODUCT.

PURCHASERS ! **ALWAYS VERIFY**
CERTIFICATION WITH THE
CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION
BEFORE SIGNING CONTRACT!

**NO CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION
LABEL WITH LOGO AND MARK??**

IT ISN'T CERTIFIED !

**REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE
MANUFACTURER OR DEALER CLAIMS !**

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